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Application Number	10/634,253
Filing Date	August 5, 2003
First Named Inventor	Howard Wayne Hall
Art Unit	3679
Examiner Name	David Bochna
Attorney Docket Number	05690-00620

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b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s)

iv. ☒ Other PTO Form SB/08a; references

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature	<i>C. Clark Dougherty, Jr.</i>	Date	November 30, 2004
Name (Print/Type)	C. Clark Dougherty, Jr.	Registration No.	24,208

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# FEE TRANSMITTAL For FY 2005

☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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395.00

## Complete if Known

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## FEE CALCULATION

### 1. BASIC FILING FEE

Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Paid(\$)
Utility Filing Fee	790	395	
Design Filing Fee	350	175	
Plant Filing Fee	550	275	
Reissue Filing Fee	790	395	
Provisional Filing Fee	160	80	

Subtotal (1) \$

## FEE CALCULATION (continued)

### 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20	18	9
Each independent claim over 3	88	44
Multiple dependent claims	300	150
For Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent	18	9
For Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent	88	44

Total Claims Extra Claims Fee (\$) Fee Paid (\$)  
- 20 or HP = x =  
HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20

Indep. Claims Extra Claims Fee (\$) Fee Paid (\$)  
- 3 or HP = x =  
HP = highest number of independent claims paid for, if greater than 3

Multiple Dependent Claims Fee (\$) Fee Paid (\$)

Subtotal (2) \$

### 3. OTHER FEES

Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Paid(\$)
1-month extension of time	110	55	
2-month extension of time	430	215	
3-month extension of time	980	490	
4-month extension of time	1,530	765	
5-month extension of time	2,080	1,040	
Information disclosure stmt. fee	180	180	
37 CFR 1.17(q) processing fee	50	50	
Non-English specification	130	130	
Notice of Appeal	340	170	
Filing a brief in support of appeal	340	170	
Request for oral hearing	300	150	
Other: Request for Continued Examination (RCE)			\$395.00

Subtotal (3) \$ 395.00

## SUBMITTED BY

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For:	GAS SERVICE RISER ASSEMBLY	)	
	AND DUCTILE PIPE TO PLASTIC	)	
	PIPE TRANSITION CONNECTION	)	

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

This is a request for a continued examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 including the required fee under 37 § CFR 1.17(e). The enclosed submission includes an information disclosure statement, a specification amendment, claim amendments, and arguments in response to the Final Office Action mailed on October 21, 2004. The Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the amendments and arguments.